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ADVISORS
REFS:A.VIENTIANE 5168 B. VIENTIANE 5212

1. YOU CAN ASSURE PHENG THE PERSONAL VIEWS (REF A) YOU EXPRESSED ACCURATELY REFLECT USG POSITION. WHILE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE NVA CHECKED OUT BY ICC OR JCIA, WE AGREE THAT IT IS UNREALISTIC TO ASSUME NVA WOULD ACTUALLY GO THROUGH THIS PROCEDURE, EVEN THOUGH ARTICLE 23B OF NLHS 24 JUNE DRAFT APPEARS TO PROVIDE FOR CHECK OUT. MOREOVER, SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD RAISE PROBLEMS SINCE WE HAVE ASSURED RTG THAT VOLUNTEERS WILL NOT BE CHECKED OUT. YOU SHOULD INFORM PHENG THAT WE BELIEVE BEST COURSE FOR RLG IS TO TRY TO TRADE OFF CHECK OUT PROCEDURE FOR GUARANTEE THAT ICC AND JOINT COMMISSION WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL POST WITHDRAWAL ROLE, INCLUDING FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND NOT BE HOBBLED BY LPF VETO ON ACCESS OR ACTIVITIES. WE THEREFORE ENDORSE PHENG'S PROPOSAL THAT SOUVANNA ALONE RESOLVE DIS-
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PUTE WITHIN TWO-PARTY COMMISSION AND STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ICC INSPECTORS NOT REQUIRE PRIOR REQUEST FROM JOINT COMMISSION.

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2. WE ALSO CONCUR IN YOUR VIEWS (REF B) CONCERNING AN INITIAL WITHDRAWAL BY "RLG FRIENDS." WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS PROCEDURE ASSUMES AN EFFECTIVE AND PROMPT METHOD FOR VERIFYING RECIPROCAL NVA WITHDRAWAL. ROGERS

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